REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

I. General Remarks.

At the time of the Office Action, Claims 1-80 were pending. Claims 1-80 are subject to a restriction requirement. Claims 1-23 and 58-80 have been cancelled herein in response to the restriction requirement.

II. Remarks Regarding Restriction Requirement.

In the present office action the Examiner has issued a restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between claims 1-23 and 58-80, drawn to a resin and method of making, classified in class 507, subclass 219; and claims 24-57, drawn to a method of controlling migration or maintaining integrity, classified in class 166, subclass 295.

In response to this restriction requirement, Applicants elect for examination on the merits, without traverse, claims 24-57. Applicants have cancelled claims 1-23 and 58-80 in response to the restriction requirement. Applicants reserve the right to take up prosecution on claims 1-23 and 58-80 in an appropriate continuation, continuation-in-part, or divisional application.

SUMMARY

In light of the above remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is now in condition for allowance, and earnestly solicit timely notice of the same. Should the Examiner have any questions, comments or suggestions in furtherance of the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the attorney of record by telephone, facsimile, or electronic mail.

Applicants believe that there are no fees due in association with the filing of this Response. However, should the Commissioner deem that any fees are due, including any fees for extensions of time, the Commissioner is authorized to debit Halliburton Energy Services, Inc., No. 08-0300 for any underpayment of fees that may be due in association with this filing.

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